



# News Release

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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Clark County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Amber L. McBride** (NC60080465) and placed her certification on probation for 18 months. She was convicted of assault, malicious mischief, taking a motor vehicle without the owner's permission, residential burglary, and minor in possession. She failed to disclose the convictions on her application and must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

## **Grant County**

In October 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Thomas J. Laney** (MD00024468) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly violated the standard of care while performing a breast reduction and liposuction on a 15-year-old girl, and placed the patient at unreasonable risk for harm.

## **King County**

In October 2009 the Medical Commission granted the application of physician **Stephani J. Amstadter** (MD60031114) and placed conditions on her license. She has terms and conditions set against her Iowa and Virginia licenses. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her Washington license.

In October 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Peter Brandon** (MD00029025). He provided substandard care while treating patients resulting in patient harm. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license including ceasing to provide obstetrical care to patients.

In October 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Michael C. Brown** (MD00028042) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Galia Pauline Gray** (RN00104988) on probation for 60 months. She diverted drugs from her place of employment for her own use. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **James E. D. Lawrence** (CO60107395) and placed his certification on probation. Terms and conditions were placed against his registration to practice as a registered counselor. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In October 2009 the Registered Counselor Program reinstated the registration of **Dean Taylor** (RC00016289) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

### **Mason County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Elizabeth A. Ashby** (NC10036939).

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Staci D. Mann** (NC10093936) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about a complaint.

### **Okanogan County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kenneth R. Holberg** (NC10059226) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of three counts of child rape, and three counts of incest.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Bobbi R. Calley** (NA00196056).

In October 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jack Allen Wesson** (RC60092657) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of theft of mail by a postal service employee, and admitted to having prior charges brought

against him for possession of marijuana. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

### **Skagit County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Brenda G. Lust** (NC10072334) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault, and rendering criminal assistance.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Buba J. BoJang** (HC00143549) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the certification application of certified nursing assistant **Chiedu C. Okeke** (NC60016967) and suspended his registration (NA00190284). He was convicted of attempted forgery, attempted possession of stolen property, and theft.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **La Neva M. Erskine** (NA00014851).

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Delphine Datarr Speights** (NC60064066, NA00165867) with unprofessional conduct. She entered into an order for stipulated order of continuance as a result of a criminal charge for theft. The theft charge involved taking property from a patient.

In October 2009 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Nathan P. Stime** (MD00010797) on probation for five years. He prescribed methadone for multiple patients for the illegal purpose of narcotic detoxification or maintenance. His management of patients was below the standard of care, putting patients at risk of harm. He must comply with terms and conditions against his license. The commission also released him from a June 2007 order.

### **Walla Walla County**

In October 2009 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselor Programs placed the licenses of **Dorothy Doeblor** (LH00003720, LF00001213) on probation for two years. She pleaded guilty to poisoning animals. The charges were dismissed after she complied with terms imposed by the court. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her licenses.

In October 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Aimee R. Lewis** (HC00155608) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Whatcom County**

In October the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Lucy A. Kosanke** (D160084640) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance — heroin. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In October 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Saekyu R. Kim** (MD00042435) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Kim's license is unrestricted.

**Hawaii:** In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Ronald M. Nealon** (NA00114454).

**Oregon:** In October 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Vladimir B. Fiks** (MD00033049) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Fiks' license is unrestricted.

**Oregon:** In October 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Laurencetta Hawkins** (LP00052753) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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